## CITY OF MESA **HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)** Ad Hoc Veterans Task Force (VTF)

April 7, 2014 Minutes

The Ad Hoc Veterans Task Force of the City of Mesa met on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 9:00 am in the Conference Room, First Level, Marc Community Resources, Inc., 924 N. Country Club Dr.

MEMBERS PRESENT Denise Heap, Chair Cheryl Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

**GUESTS** 

Mark Tompert

Ruth Giese Justin Smothers, VISTA

1. Chair's Call to Order.

Ms. Heap called meeting to order at 9:05 am.

2. Items from Citizens Present.\*

There were no citizens who requested to speak to VTF.

3. Approval of minutes from the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Ad Hoc VTF meeting.

Ms. Heap made a motion to approve the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Ad Hoc VTF meeting minutes, Mr. Tompert seconded the motion. The motion moved unanimously.

4. Discuss, consider and take action on recommendations set forth at the March 20, 2014 VTF Team meeting.

VTF board members will present the recommendations to the entire board during their Strategic Retreat in August for consideration.

5. Discuss and consider ongoing structure of VTF and regular meeting schedule.

VTF board members agreed to conclude meetings with the external task force. The intentions of meeting with outside members were to gage feedback for recommendations, so now that those have been received the group will no longer be meeting under this capacity. However, the group has agreed to continue meeting outside of HRAB as a veteran's advocacy group which is a benefit to the community. Mr. Tompert stated that he will recommend at the Strategic Retreat in August to appoint a member of HRAB to continue working the group in order to the connection with the City and obtain public opinion.

- 6. Discuss and consider future agenda items, meeting dates, announcements, other housekeeping.
  - The Ad Hoc VTF will consider ongoing agenda items and recommendations at the August 2014 Human Relations Advisory Board annual strategic meeting.

Mr. Tompert will meet with three key Veteran community members during one evening in May 2014 to discuss the structure and future of the City of Mesa's Veterans Task Force Team.

7. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.

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